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World pledges to end famine by 2000

ROME (R) — Faced with starvation in Somalia and new emergencies in Cambodia and Sudan, the world's governments Friday pledged to end famine by the year 2000. "Hunger and malnutrition are unacceptable in a world that has both the knowledge and the resources to end this human catastrophe," stated a resolution adopted by delegates at a six-day United Nations conference. Government representatives from some 160 countries participated in the International Conference on Nutrition, sponsored by the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). According to U.N. figures, the world produces enough food to feed the entire planet, but 780 million people still go hungry. But there is some disagreement over the principle of foreign powers intervening in areas where war has kept food aid from reaching the starving, as in Somalia. The conference's declaration addressed the issue, as in civil and political disturbances, stating: "All responsible parties should ensure the safe and timely passage and distribution of appropriate food and medical supplies to those in need."

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Libya withdraws from Cyprus

WA (R) — Canada and Friday that it will pull its peace-keeping force from Cyprus after 28 years due to tensions elsewhere and the progress in Greek-Turkish relations. Junior Defence Minister Mary Collins told the Commons that the 1,000 British troops stationed in the island will start leaving by the end of the year.

Policeman killed in attack

(R) — An Egyptian agent hit by a petrol bomb in a crackdown on militants in the occupied West Bank Friday, an Arab teenager was killed in a stone-throwing incident and a carbomb was disarmed in occupied Jerusalem, authorities said. The shootout in the village of Anza near Jenin was a striking example of the deadly battle being waged between Israeli forces and militants in the occupied territories. The Palestinian, a commander of the fundamentalist Islamic Jihad organisation, was killed after shooting at the Israelis in the village of Anza, near Jenin, Thursday night, the army said. Another Palestinian was shot dead, apparently by the Israeli army unit, after Arabs hurled stones at a military patrol in the

Birth control necessary

AN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul II said Friday birth control was necessary, especially for women, but insisted acceptable methods were used. "The church recognizes that birth control can be objective and effective in limiting or spacing the number of children," he said. "Sometimes... and themselves obliged to limit births, but not for any reason, but out of a sense of responsibility." The pope said that only God can destroy life, and that any form of birth control is a violation of the sanctity of life. He said that during a woman's fertile period, she should use a condom or a diaphragm, but not a pill or an IUD.

Nese held in murder case

RUHE, Germany (AP) — A suspect in a murder case was held in connection with the deaths of a Kurdish leader and three aides in September, officials say. A statement from the federal prosecutor in Karlsruhe said the arrested man, 35-year-old Atallah Ayad, was born in Iraq and had been living in Germany since 1979. He was arrested on Sept. 17, at a restaurant where Sadiq al-Muthanna, 55, the head of the Democratic Party of the Kurds, was being held. Ayad was accused of shooting down three others. The statement said that while Ayad did not fire the shots, he was charged with accessory to the murder. Ayad was arrested and remains in custody, the statement said.

I will not have fifth Croatia

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel has not established diplomatic relations with the fledgling Croatian state, it considers Croats as a threat to its security. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said Friday. The decision was taken this week by cabinet ministers. The Ma'ariv newspaper said.

Somali warlords announce truce

Aideed, Ali Mahdi meet under U.N. and U.S. mediation bid

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — Somalia's two main warlords agreed Friday with a public handshake and a hug to stop fighting and have their gunmen out of town within 40 hours. The announcement by General Mohammed Farrah Aideed and Ali Mahdi Muhammad did not, however, call on clan gunmen to surrender their weapons. It came just hours after their fighters slugged it out in Mogadishu with cannon and automatic weapons. U.S. forces, meanwhile, apparently were finding it more complicated than expected to get started with the delivery of food to victims of Somalia's famine and civil war. Plans were cancelled to escort a relief convoy across the green line separating the two warlords' turf. And a convoy to Baidoa, the epicenter of the famine, had been scheduled to go Saturday but was postponed. Gen. Aideed and Mr. Ali Mahdi met and embraced at their first meeting after more than a year of fighting which plunged the country into anarchy. At least 300,000 people have died from famine and disease. A spokesman for the two read out a communiqué on Cable News Network (CNN) television saying the two men had agreed on a six-point plan to stop the violence. This included an immediate ceasefire and a withdrawal of their rival tag-tag armies from the capital. They also agreed to appeal to all Somalis to end hostilities and ban hostile propaganda between their groups. They said there was an urgent need for reconvening a "unity committee" and said the "green line" dividing Mogadishu should be dismantled. The meeting between the warlords was held at the heavily guarded new U.S. mission in Mogadishu. Minutes after the agreement was announced the



Somali warlords Mohammed Farah Aideed (left) and Ali Mahdi Muhammad shake hands Friday after they agreed on a ceasefire and withdrawal of fighters from Mogadishu (AFP photo)

two men embraced and shook hands. American helicopter gunships, tanks, and armoured personal carriers escorted self-proclaimed President Ali Mahdi to the U.S.-brokered meeting with Gen. Aideed, only 48 hours after U.S. Marines landed in Mogadishu to ensure relief supplies reached Somalia's starving people. U.S. troops are spearheading a 35,000-strong force in an unprecedented humanitarian action, drawn from about 17 countries. In Baidoa, Somalia's "city of death," gunmen vanished from the streets on Friday after U.S. Marines were reported pushing towards the famine town. Somalis arriving in Baidoa said Marines were just 40 kilometres to the east and closing in east after landing at the old military airbase of Bali Dogle, halfway from Mogadishu. But reporters who made the 200 kilometre road journey from the capital said they saw no sign of troops. Aid agencies appealed for a swift military push of Baidoa after U.S. Marines and French paratroopers landed in Mogadishu at the start of operation "Restore Hope." On Wednesday night gunmen went on a looting and shooting spree in Baidoa. Aid workers barricaded themselves in their compounds on Thursday night, fearing gunmen would go on a last-gasp spree before U.S. forces arrived. They said up to 80 people were killed in the town centre earlier this week during fighting between followers of rival warlords. American commanders Friday defended the shooting dead by crack French legionnaires of two Somalis when a truck tried to ram a roadblock near Mogadishu port. "The French were absolutely right in opening fire. The truck ran the road lock and under the rules of engagement they acted

King in Rochester

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein arrived in Rochester, Minnesota, Friday morning. He was received by Her Majesty Queen Noor, who will accompany him to the Mayo Clinic, where he will undergo medical checkups recommended by his doctors, following the successful surgery he underwent last August. King Hussein left Amman Thursday. He was seen off at the airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince, Hassan, Prince

2 Palestinians and Israeli soldier killed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — An Israeli trooper and a Palestinian died in a fire-fight in the occupied West Bank Friday, an Arab teenager was killed in a stone-throwing incident and a carbomb was disarmed in occupied Jerusalem, authorities said. The shootout in the village of Anza near Jenin was a striking example of the deadly battle being waged between Israeli forces and militants in the occupied territories. The Palestinian, a commander of the fundamentalist Islamic Jihad organisation, was killed after shooting at the Israelis in the village of Anza, near Jenin, Thursday night, the army said. Another Palestinian was shot dead, apparently by the Israeli army unit, after Arabs hurled stones at a military patrol in the

Riots engulf Yemen for 3rd straight day

SANAA (Agencies) — Riots engulfed Yemen for the third day Friday and police fired in the air to disperse hundreds of demonstrators in the streets of the capital Sanaa. Witnesses said police in full riot gear fired into the air and chased the demonstrators into side streets in several Sanaa neighbourhoods. There were no reports of new casualties. Sunbathers at a hotel pool fled to the foyer at the sound of shooting which echoed across the city. Residents stayed indoors and streets were empty except for the police and demonstrators. Reports of continued rioting in other Yemeni towns could not be immediately confirmed. Mosque preachers in southern Yemen called for the resignation of government Friday, despite Prime Minister Haider 'Al Attas' promise to combat rampant inflation that had sparked the violent, nationwide riots. A government statement Thursday night said 11 people were killed, 48 were injured and 250 arrested in the violence, which plunged Yemen into its worst crisis since the merger of the conservative North and the former communist South in May 1990. "We shall not allow this to be repeated," Mr. Attas vowed in a midnight television address. He blamed "abnormal" price hikes on profiteering merchants and currency speculators, and warned that those responsible for inciting disturbances will be tried. "The commercial sector is responsible for the increase in prices and the deterioration in the value of the currency... we warn the commercial sector against price speculation," he said. "The government will work to restore prices to normal levels," he said. He disclosed that contacts already were under way to secure foreign loans and credit facilities, but did not elaborate. He described the riots as an

Afghan militia pulls back; tanks on Kabul streets

KABUL (Agencies) — Defiance Minister Ahmad Shah Masoud has accused saboteurs within Afghanistan's coalition government and unnamed foreign countries of inciting fighting in Kabul to prevent the election of a new president this month. Fierce clashes this week between the army and other parties in the uneasy alliance of Mujahadeen groups forced a delay in a meeting of nationwide representatives to choose the first elected Afghan president since the 1979 Soviet military intervention. "Unfortunately some selfish saboteurs who are against the choice of the people want to control the situation and run the country themselves," Mr. Masoud said in his first interview for several months. He declined to identify the culprits, but his army engaged the

Libya offers to discuss trial place

TUNIS (R) — Libya said Friday it was distressed by a Security Council decision two days ago to continue its air and arms embargo and offered to discuss where suspects in the Lockerbie plane bombing should be tried. A foreign ministry statement said Libya was distressed by the Security Council decision Wednesday to continue sanctions, with members determining that "conditions did not exist" to ease the sanctions. "Since there is no disagreement for the (Lockerbie) suspects to get a fair and just trial, there should be a dialogue about the place for such a trial and we hope this should happen shortly," the statement, quoted by the official JANA news agency, said. The United Nations clamped sanctions on Libya in April, including a ban on arms imports and international air travel, when it failed to turn over two suspects wanted in the west for questioning about the bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland. Britain and the United States have asked Libya to turn over

Resistance forces attack Israeli allies in Lebanon

MARJAYOUN (Lebanon) — Lebanese guerrillas attacked an outpost manned by Israeli-affiliated militiamen in South Lebanon Friday. Security sources said a militiaman was wounded. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a guerrilla squad attacked with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic rifles the outpost manned by militiamen of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) at Beit Yahoun at 12:30 p.m. (1030 GMT). Beit Yahoun is a gateway in the central sector of South Lebanon linking Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" with the rest of the volatile region. Israeli warplanes attacked a guerrilla stronghold in South Lebanon Friday after the two attacks, security sources said. But an Israeli army spokesman in Tel Aviv denied Israeli planes raided Lebanon on Friday. The sources said three pro-Iranian Hizbollah guerrillas were wounded when Israeli warplanes

Maghreb appeals to U.N.

Five North African states will appeal to the U.N. Security Council to lift the sanctions imposed on Libya, an official statement said Friday. The statement issued after a special ministerial meeting of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) said the union would "appeal to the Security Council to revise its resolutions with a view to lifting the embargo and restrictions." It added that Libya had "continued to take initiatives and expressed its readiness to cooperate with the resolutions... to settle the crisis with the parties concerned on the basis of dialogue and the principles of international legitimacy." It also said the five Maghreb states would continue diplomatic steps to get the embargo lifted. The meeting of ministers from

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Iraqi traders clear shelves

BAGHDAD (R) — President Saddam Hussein praised endurance of Iraqis under U.N. sanctions as traders cleared their shops of a list of imported goods to comply with a midnight government deadline.

Last-minute shoppers thronged central Baghdad under a full moon and headed home laden with everything from neon light tubes to children's clothes.

"In order for the progress of the nation to be realised, there has to be an exceptional case of sacrifice and patience and that is exactly the case of the Iraqi people," President Saddam said.

"We should have confidence in ourselves and look to the future," he added in a speech.

The government ordered the import ban to combat U.N. sanctions imposed to penalise Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent Gulf war. It covered 146 items, which the Trade Ministry says make up about 22 per cent of total imports.

Officials say the ban is aimed at concentrating precious hard currency reserves on essential imports such as foodstuffs. Manufactured imports such as ready-made clothes are being banned to boost domestic production.

Officials from the interior and trade ministries were to inspect shops from Friday to check that all goods on the list have been sold or surrendered.

For many Iraqis, the ban will have little impact, prices have shot up by several hundred times since U.N. sanctions were imposed and people struggling to feed their families can no longer think of buying such things.

As stocks began to run out, merchants asked 250 dinars for a case of Turkish beer, which sold for 190 dinars Wednesday and 200 on Thursday morning.

"Tomorrow it'll probably be 500 dinars," said one Baghdad resident heading home in a smart new leather jacket.

Prices for other goods were cut at the last minute. Neon light tubes were on sale for 35 dinars, compared to an earlier 70 for those Iraqis still with cash to spare.

Iraq's economic isolation means conversions are virtually meaningless. Officially, the dinar is worth \$3.1 but a dollar fetches around 30 dinars on the black market.

People said many merchants with friends or relatives in Jordan sent truckloads of unsold items such as electrical goods to Amman.

Traders had time to prepare for the deadline, which was put back last month from a date of Nov. 20 set in August.

President Saddam, who earlier this year ordered the execution of 42 merchants for profiteering, said: "We understand that it is not right for the first person in the country to be a merchant while there are hungry people in the country."

Murdered Iraqi buried in Amman

By Laney Salisbury
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The body of an Iraqi nuclear scientist, gunned down Monday in Jabal Hussein, was buried Thursday at a low-key ceremony in a graveyard off the Amman-Baghdad road.

The deceased Muayad Hassan Naji Al Janabi (52), his frail body shrouded in white cloth, was lowered into his grave in the Muslim cemetery of Sahab, 20 kilometres east of Amman.

Janabi was assassinated by a lone gunman believed by men from the Iraqi intelligence services on Monday morning in front of his wife, Wafa Gazzawi, and two children. The family was on their way to the Tunisian Embassy to get a visa for Libya.

"What will I do without you...my heart is burning," wailed Mrs. Janabi, 35, hugging her two children as she rocked back and forth on a green bench outside Sahab mosque where relatives inside prayed over her husband's body.

As the last prayers were said, the small funeral procession of relatives, members of Jordanian security forces and reporters entered the undecorated cemetery where plain white tombstones rested beside sapling olive trees.

As the five pallbearers lowered the body into a shallow, muddy grave, Mrs. Janabi hysterically cried, "He has done nothing but accepted a job in an Arab country."

Talking to the Jordan Times and other news agencies earlier this week, Mrs. Janabi said the family was planning to go Libya where Mr. Janabi was offered a "teaching" job at an undisclosed "nuclear institute."

The Janabis arrived in Amman in early November on a month-long vacation that ended Nov. 28, and according to the widow they were not planning to return to Iraq.

The Iraqi regime has banned key figures from their military programme from travelling abroad, but periodically allows selected personnel to take short vacations in Jordan, according to the Associated Press.

Mr. Janabi worked for the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission until 1986 before transferring to the Ministry of Military Industrialisation responsible for Iraqi efforts to build weapons of mass destruction, according to past press reports.

At least two Iraqi suspects have been detained by Jordanian security.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran may hold presidential election

NICOSIA (R) — Iran may hold presidential elections two months before the end of Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as chief executive, Interior Minister Abdolkarim Mousavi said by the state-run news agency IRNA Thursday night. He said a final decision on the date should be made by the ministry and the Guardian Council, a senior constitutional body which has veto power over parliament. Mr. Rafsanjani, fourth president, took office on August 17, 1989, after winning by a landslide the first presidential election since the death of Iran's revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini on June 3, 1989. Mr. Rafsanjani, 58, has public whether he plans to seek a second four-year term.

Kaddoumi to visit China and India

TUNIS (R) — Farouk Kaddoumi, the Palestinian Organisation's (PLO) foreign affairs chief, will visit India next week for talks on the Middle East peace process, PLO said Friday. Mr. Kaddoumi will be in Beijing before heading on to India. "We will discuss with leaders of both countries, members of the U.N. Security Council, developments of the peace process," said a spokesman PLO's political department.

Prisoners on hunger strike in Morocco

RABAT (AP) — Dozens of political prisoners began strikes Thursday to protest their confinement and mark the anniversary of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The strikes were undertaken at the notorious Kenit where survivors of a 1972 coup attempt against King Hassan II, and facilities at Casablanca, Fez and Marrakech. The strikes are scheduled to last from two days to a week. The aim is to draw attention to what they claim are continuing human rights in the country. Meetings and conferences by prisoners' families and human-rights groups are planned in three days in several Moroccan cities. The strikes demanded in a communiqué that all political prisoners and that the fate of many people who disappeared during the 1972 coup be made known. The strikes also called for bloody clashes between rioters and police in Fez on Dec 12 that left scores of people dead during a general strike opposition trade unions. Morocco is a signatory of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It has long been accused of jailing, torturing and murdering its opponents.

German leader criticises Israeli extremists

BONN (R) — The head of Germany's Jewish community urged extreme right-wing Israelis not to carry out reprisals to come to Germany and fight neo-Nazis. "We don't want to see a repeat of the Holocaust," said Ignatz Bubis in an interview in the Express newspaper Friday. German newspapers report extreme right-wing Kach movement claimed to have members to Germany to fight neo-Nazis, who are attacking foreigners have desecrated Jewish cemeteries here. "If I were cynical, I would say the fighters would do better to worry about terrorists in Israel," Mr. Bubis told Express. "But since I am not cynical, I advise these extremists to stay at home." While neo-Nazi violence and Bonn's hesitation until recently down on it, Mr. Bubis has frequently said he trusts democracy and does not think the extreme right can destabilise it. He recently rejected controversial suggestion Jewish writer Ralph Giordano that Jews should be because they felt German police could no longer protect them.

French ambassador to Oman dies

MUSCAT (AP) — French Ambassador Jean Pierre killed in a car accident Thursday night, the embassy statement Friday. He was 64. The ambassador was driving a Peugeot 605 to a diplomatic function at a coastal resort, Muscat, when his car hit a road barrier. The ambassador, whose tour of duty was to end in four months, was the only person injured in the crash. He was in the car. No other vehicles were involved in the crash. Mr. Guyot was a career diplomat. He served as ambassador to Zambia, Lebanon and Egypt. He was married and had two children. His family was where he was to join them this month. The embassy arrangements were being made to fly Mr. Guyot's body where he will be buried.

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Egypt pursues hunt for extremists

ASSIUT, Egypt (AP) — More than 1,000 policemen Friday conducted a search operation of villages in southern Egypt, arresting 26 suspected Muslim extremists and confiscating firearms.

A police official, who requested anonymity, said a force of 1,600 policemen participated in the sweep of three small villages near the Muslim fundamentalist hotbed of Assiut, 320 kilometres south of Cairo.

Police regularly stage such raids in and around Assiut, considered a major focus of activity by Al Gamaa Al Islamiya (Islamic Group) that wants to overthrow Egypt's government and replace it with a Muslim theocracy.

The Assiut dragnet coincided with the fourth day of a massive security operation in the extremist stronghold of Imbaba, a western Cairo suburb, in which 14,000 policemen participated.

It was the biggest crackdown since one that followed President Anwar Sadat's assassination by Muslim extremists in October 1981.

On Friday, police arrested 20 suspected militants in Imbaba, raising to 593 the number of detainees there since Tuesday.

Security operations normally include raids on suspects' homes or hideouts, checkpoints on possible escape routes, mobile patrols and spot identity checks or searches of people and vehicles on the streets.

The police informant said security forces in Assiut confiscated 92 weapons in raids on homes in the villages of Al Badari, Bani Hussein and Abu Zeit. They included automatic rifles and pistols. Police also found gunpowder used to make homemade bombs.

Authorities say the crackdown in Imbaba and elsewhere will continue until all suspected militants are caught.

The extremists this year have stepped up attacks against policemen and Christians. For the first time, the extremists targeted foreign tourists in order to embarrass the government and destroy the tourism industry, the country's main foreign exchange earner.

Since January, 79 people have died in the violence, including a British tourist. More than 130 people were wounded, including five Germans, two Britons and three Russians.

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Communists to take Ministry to court

By Odeh Odeh
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Communist Party, which was denied official recognition by the Ministry of Interior, is preparing to sue the ministry at the Higher Court of Justice in Amman.

Prominent Communist Party member Emilie Naffaa who made an announcement to the Jordanian press that lawyers Ibrahim Al-Hadi and Suleiman Al-Hadi had agreed to defend the party in court before the court and Jordanian lawyers have also expressed willingness to do the

received a flow of telephone contacts and letters of support from various sources expressing solidarity with the party.

"Denying the Communist Party the right to function legally in Jordan is a negative indication that can by no means serve the democratic process in this country," said Mrs. Naffaa. She said that is not the problem of the communists alone but rather the whole Jordanian people. Interior Minister Jawdat Shouf had argued that it was his right to reject requests for recognition of political parties in Jordan according to the law.

In a statement on Dec. 5, the minister said that the law granted the Minister of Interior the right to reject any request for registering political parties if that request was found to contradict Jordanian law. But, he noted, that the same law opened the way for the applicants to contest the decision at the Higher Court of Justice

within 30 days of being informed of the rejection. The final decision in this matter, said the minister, rests with the court.

Mrs. Naffaa was speaking shortly after her return from Portugal where she attended meeting of the central committee of the Portuguese Communist Party. She reported the dismay felt by party members at the ministry's decision, although they had showed support for the democratic gains achieved in the Kingdom and the end of the martial law in the country.

Mrs. Naffaa said that the Communist Party in Portugal sent a cable to His Majesty King Hussein condemning the rejection by the ministry. She said that the various delegations attending the meeting in Portugal issued a statement in which they described the ministry's move as undemocratic.

"We, representatives of parties and organisations from different countries of the world attending the 14th congress of the Communist Party express dismay at the refusal of the Jordanian government to legalise the Jordanian Communist Party," said the statement.

Political parties pledge to uphold democracy

By Mass Alul
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Four parties presented their political platforms at a seminar held Wednesday at the Islamic Cultural Centre, stressing their support for democracy and the multi-party system.

The Islamic Action Front, Al Mustakbal Party, The Arab Islamic Party and The Hashd Party (People's Democratic Party), which hold close political ideologies regarding the Constitution and democracy in Jordan, called for cooperation between all political parties to uphold the newly adopted democratic principles of the Kingdom.

Speaking at the seminar, General Secretary of the Islamic Action Front Isbaq Farhan emphasised the role of Islam in our society. "Islam is a comprehensive system and a message to the whole world. The Sharia should be the main and ideal source of legislation of laws, Dr. Farhan said.

The party, pledging to uphold the principles of Arab unity, promised to support the Palestinian cause.

"The Holy Jihad should be supported by every Arab citizen. The front believes that Arabism and Islam are inseparable, hence they seek to implement the Islamic Sharia in society through being executive supporters or constructive opposition," Dr. Farhan said.

Mr. Suleiman Arar, the general secretary of Al Mustakbal Party said that all the parties have the same basis, yet their platforms differ. "The bases of the parties are two: General and specific." The general basis is basically made up of the elements of democracy, human rights, multi-party system, the majority rule and the implementation of the law. The more specific basis covers "the recognition of Islam as the belief and faith of our nation, Arabism and Arab unity which are historical realities, not mechanisms for ideologies."

Mr. Arar, emphasising that "the Arab-Israeli conflict is a struggle for survival and existence so we should support the Palestinians as Arabs and Muslims through building our nation to rise against the enemy," added that his party was ready to cooperate with other parties.

JUST signs agreement with Canadian universities

AMMAN (J.T.) — Dr. Ahmad Abu Al-Haija, vice president of Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), returned recently from Canada where he signed agreements furthering cooperation between JUST, the University of Ottawa and Concordia University. JUST and the University of Ottawa extended for five years a 1987 agreement which entails the exchange of students in the field of telecommunications.

YWCA Choir to set Christmas tone

By Jean-Claude Elias
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN (J.T.) — Faithful to their now well-established annual tradition, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Choir have prepared a beautiful programme of vocal works and Christmas carols to be presented on December 12-15 at Nabil Mashini theatre in Abdali.

Aside from their artistic skills, the YWCA Choir usually channel the true Christmas spirit into their concerts. Founder, spiritual leader of the ensemble and conductor for the past years, Karim Bawab is cooperating with musician Barbara Johnson to present this year's programme. Ms. Johnson conducted the Choir last year and will do it this year too. She is a well known musician and music

teacher in Amman's music circles and has been one of the Choir's most active members.

The Choir's selection for this year consists of the traditional "Angels we have Heard on High," "Carol of Christmas" by John Peter and "Praise Ye the name of the Lord" by Gordon Young. "Rise Up Shepherd and Feller" and "Laudamus" by Antonio Vivaldi.

Arab conference highlights split between writer groups in Jordan

By Sa'eda Kilani
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Prominent writers in the Arab world are expected to attend the Eighteenth Arab Writers Conference in Amman for the first time, in Amman between 12-19 December and led by the Jordanian Writers Association (JWA).

This is the first time that 12 countries out of the 14 (members of the General Union of Arab Writers) attend the conference. Fahri Ka'war, JWA's president and a deputy at the Lower House of Parliament, at a press conference Wednesday. "Except the Bahraini association, which expressed regret for its inability to take part in this year's conference, and Kuwait, from which we have not received any response until now, all other Arab writers' associations promised to attend."

Under the slogan: "Amman, Capital of Arab Culture," the conference will include various cultural activities such as a seminar on the Arab culture and the relationship between culture and national changes, lectures

devoted to children's literatures, and a festival of poetry. Book exhibitions and trips through Jordan will also be included.

"We intend to include poetry recital sessions outside Amman, such as in Aqaba, Irbid and Tafleeh," said Mr. Ka'war who said that the association wishes to widen its scope of activities since most of the cultural activities normally take place in the capital or Jerash.

One Jordanian group which will not be participating in the conference in the Jordanian Writers Union (JWU) which consists of 160 writers and government officials. The JWU and the JWA have been at odds with each other for some time, each claiming legitimacy of representing Jordanian writers.

"We do not deny that there are prominent writers who are not members of the association," said Mr. Ka'war. "However, if men of

letters from JWU wish to participate they are welcome but as individuals since JWA is the association considered as the legitimate one."

The JWA was dissolved by a military order in 1986 because they took a stand against the government. They were replaced by a government group the JWA in early 1987. The JWA resumed its activities in 1989 by a decision issued by the then prime minister, Mudar Badran and became the legitimate representation of Jordanian writers.

"We do not intend in any way to consolidate the split between writers in Jordan," said Mr. Ka'war in an answer to a question raised by a participant on JWA's efforts to reconcile with the JWU which have so far failed. "We have tried to attract them to be under one wing, that is the JWA's regulations, but such attempts have failed," he said.

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The House's hasty decisions

THE LOWER House of Parliament is in the midst of debating the controversial draft law on press and publication with undue haste even though the proposed legislation constitutes the backbone of the entire democratisation process in the country. There is a sense of urgency associated with the adoption of the law since it has been submitted to Parliament quite a long time already. However, the urgent need for legislating the draft law into actual law must not compromise the equally urgent need to articulate and adopt a thoroughly debated and considered legislation that will govern freedom of the press and publication in the Kingdom for many decades to come.

There are several issues embodied in the draft legislation on which the government and the Law Committee of the House are at loggerheads. But some of these points were adopted with undue haste Wednesday. By way of example, the scope of Article 42 of the draft law touches on legal domains that are better dealt with by other existing laws. One particular area of concern is the banning of reports that "harm the dignity of individuals, their freedom and reputation." In all known jurisdictions, such matters are dealt with by the law on slander and defamation and not by the law on freedom of the press per se. Likewise, outlawing the publication of news items that "shake the confidence in the national currency," is a blanket attack on economic news analysis that has sweeping power to condemn even the most enlightened and beneficial appraisal of the state of the economy.

Most disturbing, however, is the part of Article 41 of the draft law that gives the director of the Press and Publications Department the arbitrary power to ban entry into the country of publications whose "circulation in the country harms public interest," without having to specify the reasons for so acting. The public has a right to be enlightened as to why the government has decided to keep out of circulation certain publications in order to keep abreast of its policy on such very critical matters. There is no credible reason why the concerned authority cannot offer explanations for its decision, especially in a climate of operational democracy as the one we are all desperately trying to promote in Jordan. The fact that such governmental decision can be contested in due course before the Higher Court of Justice would not offer an effective remedy since it would take much time to adjudicate such differences of opinion while it is completely legitimate to refrain from disclosing to the public the contents of the banned publication, it appears to be unjustifiable to make a ruling on keeping certain issues of foreign publications out of the public eyes without any questions being asked. Parliament would be better advised, therefore, to proceed diligently and carefully in its debate on this highly important law. Moving too fast in this direction threatens the responsible consideration of the new law.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I called on the Palestinians to beware a strategy adopted by Israel in dealing with the occupied Arab territories and its Arab population, noting that Israel's foreign minister's declaration that Israel might pull out from the Gaza Strip could be a trap for the Palestinian uprising. Shimon Peres has hinted that Israel might pull out its troops from the occupied Gaza Strip leaving the Palestinian factions to fight one another and weaken the intifada, said the daily. The statement could be an indication that the Israeli leadership has reached a conclusion that leaving the Palestinians to handle their own affairs might trigger fraternal fighting that would weaken the uprising, a goal which Israel has tried to achieve for so long in vain, said the paper. It said that the Palestinian factions should beware such moves and be prepared for a pullout. The Palestinians, said the paper, should be ready to unite their ranks and handle their own affairs, thus proving to the Israelis that freedom can be a catalyst for unity rather than divisions. The paper said that the Palestinian resistance should shun all Israel's designs and prove that Palestinian unity is stronger than Zionist plots and that resistance and cohesion among the Palestinian factions can foil all conspiracies aimed at beating the Palestinian resistance throughout the occupied Arab territories. The paper said that the Gaza Strip, which has proved to be difficult for the Israelis to control, ought to set the example for the rest of the occupied Palestinian land in courage, unity and continued struggle for liberation.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily accused the ministries of water and irrigation, agriculture and the Jordan Valley Authority of failing to live up to expectation by rallying to help a group damaged in the past winter and are facing a similar fate this year. The farmers of Al Khayouf, in the district of Al Aridah, in the Balqa region overlooking the valley were the victims of floods that inundated the valley in the past winter when they lost their crops, said Nazih. He said that the situation worsened when the authorities opened the gates of the dams for fear of destruction only to inundate Al Khayouf region with a vast lake that completely devastated what remained of crops and caused dangerous cracks in the farmers' nearby homes. The writer said that the farmers have not received any help or compensation from the government despite the tens of visits conducted by teams of concerned authorities to their region to study this area and the disaster that had befallen its inhabitants. To solve the problem, the concerned authorities ought to consider this district as a passage way for the surplus water in the dam, and offer the farmers sufficient compensation enabling them to move somewhere safer, suggested the writer.

Journalists view denial of licence to Communist, Baath parties as an undemocratic move

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

SOMALIA, THE Palestinian intifada and the legalisation of political parties in Jordan were the focus of the local daily newspapers of the past week. Columnist Mohammad Kawash in Al Dustour said there was need to send in troops in Somalia to end the fighting there, but they should have been U.N. troops, comprising forces from Asian, African, European and American nations and not Americans alone.

The writer said that although the world community was right in contemplating ways to come to the help of the Somali people, the Arabs are afraid that the American forces' presence might help the factions that support the ousted President Siad Barre to return to power and maintain the chaos that prevailed before the civil war. The intervention of the United Nations and foreign forces in Somalia underlines the failure of the Arab and Islamic countries to come to the aid of their brothers starving or killing one another, said Nabil Sharif, a columnist in Al Dustour.

The foreign intervention proved once again that there can be no hope of the Arab League's coming to the assistance of one of its member states whose people have suffered for so long without receiving meaningful help, said the writer.

Saleh Al Qallab, a columnist in Al Dustour, accused the Americans of invading the Horn of Africa through Somalia. The writer said that the Americans' move was designed to complete the siege of the oil-rich Arab zone in the Middle East region and to ensure the continued divisions of the Arab World.

His views were echoed by Al Ra'i Arabic daily which said in an editorial that the Americans going to Somalia had their eyes on Sudan and other parts of the Arab World.

The paper said it was not reasonable to believe that the monster which caused destruction to Iraq and is causing sufferings to the Palestinian people has turned into a Father

Christmas bringing in gifts of food to the starving people of Somalia.

Now that the Americans are in Somalia, they are expected to stay there for a long time to come, said Tareq Masarweh in Al Ra'i daily. No one would believe the U.S. president's announcement that the troops will pull out once democracy has been established in Somalia and no one can believe that the American occupation of Somalia was aimed at ensuring the arrival of food supplies to the starving people, he said.

With this occupation, the writer noted, the Red Sea is no longer an Arab sea but rather an American sea, with U.S. bases in the Horn of Africa and in the Arabian Peninsula.

Sawt Al Shaab said that the employment of such big forces means that the United States harbours evil intentions against neighbouring Sudan. The paper said in an editorial that the Americans are now poised to launch a military aggression on Sudan under the pretext that the country has violated human rights in the southern regions where a separatist rebellion is in progress.

Two columnists in Al Ra'i daily said that the world community had to act and save the lives of millions of starving Somalis because the Arab and Islamic countries failed to extend a helping hand.

Hosni Ayesh and Sultan Al Hartab said that the Arabs and Muslims just watched the Somali women and children dying without lifting a finger to help them and they had plenty of time to do something before the arrival of the foreign forces. The two columnists decried the Islamic and Arab stand with regard to Somalia, noting that while in the Gulf crisis there was no time for containing the situation, the Arabs had watched the Somalis die for months, and therefore, they are not justified now by issuing condemnation of American and other foreign forces landing in the Arab land.

Their views were backed by Mahmoud Al Rimawi in Al Ra'i daily who said that foreign

forces' intervention was inevitable in view of the tragedy in Somalia and the failure of Arab and Islamic countries to provide help. The writer said that in view of its status as a superpower, it was natural for the United States to play the leading role in such an intervention.

Turning to the Palestinian uprising, which has entered its sixth year now, a writer in Sawt Al Shaab said that the Palestinians fighting for their freedom deserve all forms of moral and material support from their Arab brothers.

He said that in Jordan, the Popular Committee for Sup-

port of the Intifada has been acting on behalf of the Jordanian people, raising contributions for the bereaved families and providing help to the families of the detained prisoners. He said this was a humanitarian and national duty for the Arab people.

Sawt Al Shaab daily said that despite the ongoing peace process, the Palestinians have no alternative but to pursue their uprising against occupation. While holding an olive branch in one hand, the Palestinians continue to hold on to their weapons in the other in order to ensure the return of their rights and their homelands, the paper said.

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of will on the part of the U.S. administration to end the Israeli obstinacy.

The U.S. administration, which sent 28,000 troops to Somalia under the pretext of helping its people to live in peace and to end the sufferings of women and children, is allowing the Israelis to pursue their repression against the Palestinian women and children and condoning the Israeli intransigence at the peace negotiations.

Through the ongoing negotiations, the Israelis are clearly aiming at achieving peace at the expense of Arab dignity and capitulation without returning an inch of land occupied since 1967, said Abdul Rahim Omar in Al Ra'i.

The writer said that the Israelis want the Palestinian delegation to accept their proposals on self-administration under the Israeli flag without having any say regarding their destiny.

He said that by offering unacceptable bids, the Israelis are trying to project themselves as peace lovers and the Palestinians as rejectionists of peace.

A columnist in Sawt Al Shaab attacked the Arab and Islamic countries which met in Saudi Arabia in the past week without taking a meaningful decision to save the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

These countries offered these people lip service by merely expressing condemnation of the Serbs and not deciding on a plan to offer food to the oppressed people or meaningful pressure on the world community to interfere.

Arafat Hijazi said that the Jeddah meeting ignored the cries of the starving people of Somalia and those of Palestine and Iraq. He said that the conference was like placing the cart before the horse and refraining from taking any move to address the situation in either of these countries.

Another columnist in Sawt Al Shaab came out against the same conference which, he said, had only issued statements that can help no one. Samir Qitami said that the

call to provide the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina with a futile lip service, awaiting meaningful action from the Muslim and Arab which have failed to go to their kinsmen in Palestine and Lebanon.

Turning to domestic issues, several columnists saw the formation of political parties in Jordan.

Faisal Shubul critic minister of interior legalising the Communist Baath parties. A columnist, who writes for Shabab, said that the like other people, is responsible for this decision and there are democratic means to such decision.

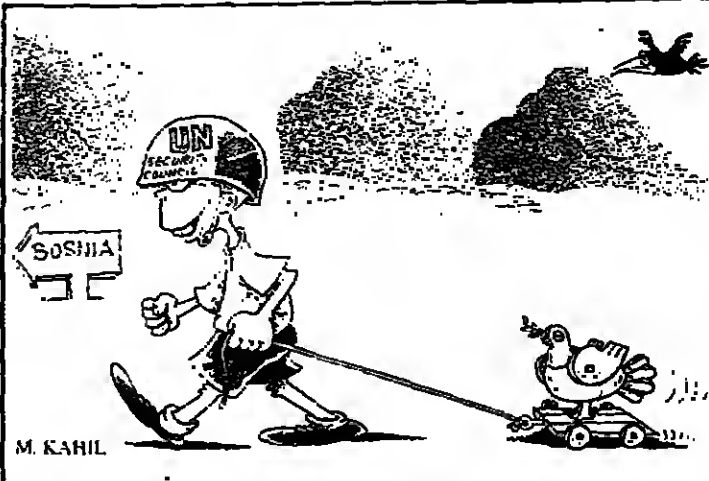
Tareq Masarweh, columnist in Al Ra'i, said that the decision to find people in his decision to deny parties licence. The writer said that such a decision is contradicting the provision Constitution.

He said that the law should be legalised, but they prove to be to sabotage the nation's legal measures and law with such behaviour.

His views were echoed by Fadi Al Faneh, a columnist in Al Ra'i who, in his belief, the minister interpreted the law on parties, hence his decision to reject the licence.

The writer said that these two parties similar names elsewhere Arab World does not mean the decision to deprive the licence.

In the view of Ali Udwan, a columnist in tour, depriving the two of licence, can only be a nationalist-leftist move to the country into further division. The writer said Interior Ministry's decision in the face of the political arena of the



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Palestinian participation in the peace process was one aspect of the ongoing uprising in the face of occupation.

The writer said that while Hamas and the PLO-affiliated groups continue their resistance in the occupied lands, the representatives of the Palestinian people are struggling through dialogue to ensure the people's legitimate rights. He said that the dialogue and the resistance complement one another in the common struggle for liberation.

Sawt Al Shaab daily described the current eighth round of peace talks in the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations as futile as the previous one in view of the intransigence of the Israeli negotiators and the lack

Asylum deal could give Bonn initiative against far right

By Tom Heneghan
Reuter

BONN — Germany's hard-fought compromise on immigration, an all-party agreement reached only after neo-Nazi terror had claimed 17 lives this year, could mark a turning point in Bonn's fight against the resurgent extreme right.

Linked with recent bans on racist parties and tough police moves against firebombers, the deal to stem a mounting tide of asylum-seekers showed Bonn was finally ready to act rather than just debate reforms endlessly, politicians and diplomats said.

Many details remain to be worked out between Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right government and opposition Social Democrats (SPD) and the immigration wave, due to peak at over 400,000 this year, may take months before it starts to recede. But the key is probably the simple fact that leaders have taken the initiative after months

of neo-Nazi violence and galloping public discontent with all elected leaders.

"We had to reach a compromise," Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger said after the main parties agreed to crack down on abuse of Bonn's liberal asylum law.

"The public could not understand this any more," she said of more than a year of bitter wrangling that paralysed Bonn and encouraged extremists to take the law into their own hands.

A senior European diplomat said the tide could now be turning against the extreme right, which exploited widespread concern over the asylum issue to call for racist policies that few Germans actually support.

"This could be the turning point," he declared. "All this hair-splitting over exactly how to deal with this flood of foreigners has been a sideshow. They must act, and soon."

Under the new deal, asylum-seekers can be turned away if

they have already been in another Western European country or come from states judged free of political persecution.

The government's growing determination to act is matched by a shift in public opinion away from what looked like a growing trend towards racist thinking here.

The news magazine Der Spiegel has said the percentage of Germans who agreed with the neo-Nazi call "foreigners out" dropped from 27 to 15 per cent in November.

The turnaround came after racist firebombers killed three Turks in Moeln last month, a murder that shocked politicians and private citizens into action. In an impressive show of the

silent majority voicing its concerns, over 300,000 people have held a candle-light protest against racism in Munich.

During the drawn-out fight over asylum, Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) succeeded in nearly tearing the SPD apart by forcing it to give up the broad asylum guarantee leftists see as a moral duty after the Nazis drove many Germans into exile.

But the heated debate about foreigners fed such popular resentment against them that townspeople sometimes applauded neo-Nazis and skinheads for firebombing asylum-seekers' hostels. The lame response from stunned politicians and police left the way open for increasingly shock-

ing neo-Nazi violence against gypsies and Jewish cemeteries and memorials.

During the months of indecision, discontent with Bonn's weak leadership rose so high that some Jews talked about taking up arms because the state could not defend them.

Grass-roots groups against racism, like the one that organised Munich's candle-light protest, deliberately kept the discredited lawmakers out of their plans.

German companies, worried about boycotts of their products as Germany's image worsened abroad, openly condemned racist violence.

Only after the Moeln murders did Bonn respond vigorously.

The federal prosecutor over the investigation for time, the first ban on a Party was imposed by B the much-criticised police catching firebombers.

"For months the only came up with diagnoses of what the problem...but did not act," Klinger, editor-in-chief Rheinischer Merkur we last week about the bad to the right-wing violence.

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After the fire was put out, the policemen entered, believing the Palestinian to be dead. The Palestinian then opened fire, killing the policeman and wounding three others before he was shot dead, an army spokesman said.

The army spokesman said Barama was wanted for the killing earlier this year of an Israeli and the wounding of another. The policeman, Sergeant-Major Sasson Mordoch, 30, was the fourth member of the Israeli security forces killed during the past few days.

soldiers in the occupied Gaza Strip to mark this week's anniversary of the Palestinian revolt against Israeli rule. Barama's and Seder's deaths brought the toll of Palestinians killed by Israelis in the revolt to 969 — 123 this year. The death of the paramilitary policeman raised to 107 the number of Israelis killed in the conflict. Police detonated a car on Friday containing two gas balloons attached to two small explosive devices in occupied Jerusalem.

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Currency	NEW YORK CLOSE	TOKYO CLOSE
Sterling Pound	1.5665	1.5691
Deutsche Mark	1.5725	1.5710
Swiss Franc	1.4105	1.4088
French Franc	5.3638	5.3855**
Japanese Yen	124.03	124.10
European Currency Unit	1.2455	1.2413**

* 100 Per Cent
** European Opening at 8:00 a.m. GMT

Interbank Interest Rates Date: 10/12/92

Currency	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
U.S. Dollar	3.62	3.56	3.56	4.00
Sterling Pound	7.25	7.06	6.93	6.81
Deutsche Mark	9.06	8.77	8.45	7.81
Swiss Franc	6.25	6.25	6.00	5.75
French Franc	10.50	10.50	9.75	9.12
Japanese Yen	3.84	3.71	3.65	3.59
European Currency Unit	11.12	10.75	10.06	9.15

Jordan bid rate for amounts exceeding U.S. Dollars 1,000,000 or equivalent.

Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin Date: 10/12/92

Currency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dollar	0.687	0.689
Sterling Pound	1.0756	1.0810
Deutsche Mark	0.4367	0.4389
Swiss Franc	0.4570	0.4594
French Franc	0.1280	0.1286
Japanese Yen	0.5551	0.5559
Dutch Guilder	0.3689	0.3705
Swedish Krona	0.1012	0.1017
Italian Lira	0.0493	0.0495
Belgian Franc	0.02125	0.02134

Other Currencies Date: 10/12/92

Currency	Bid	Offer
Bahraini Dinar	1.7970	1.8200
Lebanese Lira	0.03615	0.03825
Saudi Riyal	0.1829	0.1840
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2850	2.3000
Omani Riyal	0.1861	0.1872
Qatari Riyal	0.2020	0.2150
Omani Riyal	1.7560	1.7820
UAE Dirham	0.1861	0.1879
Greek Drachma	0.3315	0.3415
Cypriot Pound	1.4565	1.4765

Index for Amman Financial Markets

Index	8/12/92	Close	9/12/92	Close
All-Share	166.77		166.04	
Banking Sector	119.75		119.65	
Insurance Sector	183.51		182.92	
Industry Sector	228.83		227.21	
Services Sector	237.10		235.62	

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

One sterling	1.5480/90	U.S. dollars
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	1.5810/20	Deutsche marks
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	32.50/54	Belgian francs
	5.4075/125	French francs
	1398/1403	Italian lire
	124.00/05	Japanese yen
	6.8170/270	Swedish crowns
	6.8000/9500	Norwegian crowns
	6.1400/508	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	\$334.75/335.25	

Amman is the most expensive Arab city

GENEVA (AP) — The Japanese cities of Tokyo and Osaka remain by far the most expensive in dollar terms, according to a survey published Thursday.

However, currency realignments have benefited expatriates in Europe, with cities in Sweden, Finland, Britain, Italy and Spain cheaper than six months ago.

The survey of 99 cities is published twice a year by a Geneva-based private consultancy, Corporate Resources Group. It is based on a basket of 151 products including food, clothing and transport, but not accommodation. New York is used as a base of 100.

The survey showed Tokyo to have an index of 183, followed by Osaka at 171. At the other end of the scale, the Colombian capital Bogota is cheapest at 67.

Libreville in Gabon and Brazzaville in the Congo rank third and fourth on 139 and 138. Three other cities in Francophone Africa are in the top 10, mainly because of the strength of the French franc, according to the survey.

West European countries are still generally more expensive than the United States. However, in dollar terms the cost of living in the Swedish capital Stockholm which used to be the most expen-

sive European city — has fallen 13.2 per cent in the past six months because of currency devaluations. London and Helsinki are eight per cent cheaper than last May, the survey said.

The Norwegian capital Oslo is now top of the list in Europe with a rating of 137. Paris is 5 per cent more expensive than May with an index of 119.

Cities in Latin America are cheaper than New York, with the one exception of the Argentinian capital Buenos Aires, which has an index of 127.

In Asia, the Taiwanese capital Taipei, with a ranking of 130, is the costliest after the two Japanese cities. Seoul follows with 118.

The survey was updated to reflect price and currency changes valid on Dec. 7.

Cost of living ratings for cities surveyed:

1. Tokyo, Japan, 183
2. Osaka, Japan, 171
3. Libreville, Gabon, 139
4. Brazzaville, Congo, 138
5. Oslo, Norway, 137
6. Dakar, Senegal, 132

7. Taipei, Taiwan, 130
8. Douala, Cameroon, 128
9. Copenhagen, Denmark, 128
10. Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 127
11. Buenos Aires, Argentina, 127
12. Zurich, Switzerland, 126
13. Geneva, Switzerland, 125
14. Moscow, Russia, 122
15. Vienna, Austria, 121
16. Paris, France, 119
17. Seoul, South Korea, 118
18. Stockholm, Sweden, 110
19. Lome, Togo, 116
20. Hong Kong, 116
21. Dublin, Ireland, 116
22. Luxembourg, 115
23. Brussels, Belgium, 113
24. Lyon, France, 113
25. Munich, Germany, 112
26. Berlin, Germany, 111
27. Dusseldorf, Germany, 111
28. London, England, 110
29. Hamburg, Germany, 110
30. Frankfurt, Germany, 109
31. Helsinki, Finland, 109
32. Shanghai, China, 108
33. Tel Aviv, Israel, 108
34. Milan, Italy, 107
35. Madrid, Spain, 106
36. Barcelona, Spain, 106
37. Rome, Italy, 106
38. Singapore, 105
39. Lisbon, Portugal, 105
40. Amsterdam, Netherlands, 103
41. Amman, Jordan, 102
42. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 101
43. New York, United States, 100
44. Leipzig, Germany, 100
45. Manama, Bahrain, 100
46. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 99
47. Cairo, Egypt, 98
48. Montevideo, Uruguay, 98
49. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 90
50. Sao Paulo, Brazil, 97
51. Athens, Greece, 97
52. Jakarta, Indonesia, 97
53. San Juan, Puerto Rico, 96
54. Washington D.C., 96
55. Chicago, 96
56. Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 94
57. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 94
58. Newcastle, England, 94
59. Los Angeles, 94
60. Houston, 94
61. San Francisco, 93
62. Miami, 93
63. Manila, Philippines, 93
64. Casablanca, Morocco, 92
65. Bangkok, Thailand, 92
66. Mexico City, Mexico, 90
67. Lagos, Nigeria, 90
68. Toronto, Canada, 90
69. Tunis, Tunisia, 89
70. Sydney, Australia, 89
71. Tehran, Iran, 89
72. Algiers, Algeria, 89
73. Melbourne, Australia, 88
74. St. Louis, 88
75. Istanbul, Turkey, 88
76. Lima, Peru, 87
77. Nairobi, Kenya, 86
78. Montreal, Canada, 86
79. Guatemala City, 86
80. Brisbane, Australia, 85
81. San Jose, Costa Rica, 85
82. Vancouver, Canada, 85
83. Panama City, 85
84. Prague, Czechoslovakia, 84
85. Karachi, Pakistan, 83
86. Budapest, Hungary, 83
87. Johannesburg, South Africa, 83
88. Calgary, Canada, 82
89. Santiago, Chile, 81
90. Caracas, Venezuela, 80
91. Warsaw, Poland, 79
92. Auckland, New Zealand, 74
93. Harare, Zimbabwe, 74
94. Quito, Ecuador, 74
95. Asuncion, Paraguay, 73
96. Bombay, India, 70
97. Bogota, Colombia, 67

Egypt's Sumed company plans long-term oil storage

SIDI KREIR, Egypt (R) — Egypt's Sumed Oil Pipeline Company, with an eye to markets in southern Europe, plans to boost long-term storage of Saudi and Iranian crudes, its chairman has said.

Mohammad Mae'bed said options under consideration would boost commercial storage at the company's two terminals to up to nine million barrels from the 2.4 million currently held in four storage tanks.

Sumed's owners, who include Saudi Arabia, had approved the project in principle and the company was negotiating with U.S. contractor Bechtel over a detailed feasibility study, he told Reuters in an interview.

"Floating storage is the target, we can substitute for it," he said, adding that work would begin in early 1994.

Mr. Mae'bed is chairman of Sumed and its parent, the Arab Petroleum Pipeline Company (APPC).

Egypt has a 50 per cent stake in APPC which runs Sumed and receives 85 per cent of the profits. The other 50 per cent is owned by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Saudi Arabia and Iran, two of Sumed's main customers, have expressed interest in building up long-term land storage close to Europe and the Far East to protect against political upheaval in the Gulf and to take advantage of price swings.

During the Gulf crisis, the two were prime movers in building up storage in floating tankers to record levels of nearly 70 million barrels. But this is relatively expensive and has dropped back to less than 40 million barrels.

Mr. Mae'bed said initial studies showed long-term oil storage in southern Europe was currently only about three million tonnes (about 22 million barrels) compared to 10 million tonnes (about 73 million barrels) in northern Europe. Consumption in the two areas was nearly the same, he added.

Sumed — short for Suez-

Mediterranean — carries oil in a 320-kilometre pipeline across Egypt between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean. Tankers which are too big to go through the Suez Canal unload cargoes into the pipeline at Ain Sukhna on the Red Sea. Other tankers then pick up the oil at Sidi Kreir.

Mr. Mae'bed said about 35 per cent of Sumed's throughput, or nearly 600,000 barrels of oil a day, was crude oil from Iran. A political crisis between Egypt and Iran had not affected business, he added.

"We are a commercial company, the government does not involve itself," he said.

Saudi Arabian crudes account for about 60 per cent of throughput and the remainder is made up of Egyptian oil to be refined in Alexandria for internal use and minute amounts of other Gulf crudes.

Mr. Mae'bed said a tailback at Ain Sukhna since November had been reduced to a normal waiting list of five Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC)-class tankers. Up to 13 VLCCs had been stuck at Ain Sukhna at the height of the tailback, pushing tanker rates up in the markets.

Mr. Mae'bed declined to give profit figures for the pipeline, saying only he expected level profits in 1992 compared to 1991.

Study sees inflation rising in China in '93

PEKING (R) — China's inflation rate, the caged tiger of the economic reform drive, is likely to rise next year as more state controls fall away and local authorities pump cash into the economy, an academic study has said.

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences said retail prices would jump by between 6.5 and seven per cent nationwide next year compared with five per cent in 1992.

Consumer price inflation for urban residents will rise to between 11 and 12 per cent against about nine per cent this year, it said.

Diplomats say China's official statistics for inflation, a major fear for communist leaders seeking to maintain stability at all costs, are generally too low.

China's last experience with galloping inflation in the late 1980s led to precipitous price rises in major cities.

A three-year austerity programme pulled inflation back under control, but senior leader Deng Xiaoping's new campaign for accelerated market-style reforms this year has sent the economy back into overdrive.

The study attributed the rise in inflationary pressure next year to the removal of central price controls on some commodities as well as a rush of new capital investment.

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